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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)

**SUBJECT : Proposed Statement to the North Atlantic Council
on Possible Soviet Technological Developments
in the Weapons Field**

**REFERENCE : Your Memorandum to Director, DIA, "Mobile Missile
Threat to NATO," dated 15 March 1962 (I-15.603/62
ISA)**

1. In response to your request to the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the United States Intelligence Board has prepared the attached statement for use by Ambassador Finletter in his discussions in the North Atlantic Council. This statement has been prepared at the SECRET classification level and omits specific details which could be derived only from sources of higher classification. However, the generalizations contained in it are based on all sources of information available to the US, and our confidence in the accuracy of some points rests on corroborating information from sources considerably more sensitive than those cited. Although the statement is designed to be releasable to the North Atlantic Council in its present form, it must be used with some caution.

2. Some of our future projections, especially those for the 1965-1970 time period, are based on broad assessments of Soviet research and development capabilities, military requirements, and currently-observed trends, rather than on specific intelligence information as to Soviet intentions. Where this is the case the phraseology chosen reflects the lack of supporting evidence and the judgments should be regarded as intelligence assumptions for planning.

3. Ambassador Finletter should be advised that this statement supersedes the earlier intelligence material on the mobile missile problem forwarded to him in on 13 March 1962.

Attachment

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